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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the PATENT APPLICATION of:**

**Curtiss Smith**

**Application No.: 09/521,770**

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**Filed: March 9, 2000**

**For: NODE SIZE ESTIMATING TOOL AND  
METHOD**

**Group: 2611**

**Examiner: Timothy M. Murphy**

**Our File: GIC-PT103 (D2391)**

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**Sir:**

**This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated July 6, 2004 [Paper No. 3].**

**Please amend the application as follows:**